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SUBJECT: AMERICAN WEST AFRICAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE (AWAFC) LOSS
OF BERTH 9: BAN ON 15 YEAR OLD SHIPS

REF: STATE 217205

1. RE: REFTEL PARAGRAPH 1.

PRESENT NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) PLANS ARE TO KEEP BERTH 9 OPEN AND OPERATING AS THE APPROPRIATED BERTH OF AMERICAN WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE LINE (AWAFC) DURING ANY PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED CONSTRUCTION. THIS TOLD TO EMBOFF ON PERSONAL VISIT OF AUGUST 29 BY O.P. OPARA, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER FOR DEVELOPMENT. OPARA RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BERTH 9 TO AWAFC. HE SAID THAT IF CLOSURE BECOMES NECESSARY, NPA WILL FIND AN ALTERNATIVE FOR AWAFC. OPARA STATED A CABLE HAD BEEN SENT TO JOHN CUNNINGHAM OF AWAFC FULLY EXPLAINING THE SITUATION.

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2. RE: REFTEL PARAGRAPH 2.

LOCAL INTERPRETATION OF THE MEANING OF UNTIL "FURTHER NOTICE" IS THAT IT IS AN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION. IF PROHIBITION AGAINST FIFTEEN YEAR OLD SHIPS IS INVOKED, IFX EVER, IT WILL PROBABLY BE ALONG THE LINES DONE BY SAUDI ARABIA WITH EXCEPTIONS BEING GRANTED FOR SHIPS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN JUDGED
SEA WORTHY BY A REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION. INTERPRETATION
PROVIDED BY AWAFC LOCAL REP DAVIES.
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